

to Answer unto his Lordship of and Concerning the presentment Q. R.

At which Day here came the a^d Jacob Crouch by George Haywood his Attorney and had a hearing of the presentment Q. R. the same Attorney saith that he cannot deny but that the a^d Jacob Crouch is guilty of the premises in the presentment of Above upon her imposed in Manner and form as by the Presentment of Above Against him Supposed but will not discover the father of the Bastard Child of but is willing to pay a Double fine for the same t^e

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court fully understood it is Considered by the Court here that the a^d Jacob Crouch for the premises and Ofense Q. R. in the presentment of Above specified be taken to which said Jacob Crouch is fined for the premises and Ofense of three pounds C^t Money of Maryland which was paid herein Court to the use of the County t^e

Whereupon the said Jacob Crouch is ordered to give Security to have and keep Indemnified the Justices of Somerset County Court and their Successors from all Troubles burthenes and Charges that might Arise by reason of the birth and maintenance of the Child Q. R. Thereupon John Will and Thomas Crouch of Somerset County have Security both present herein Court in their proper persons undated the a^d Jacob Crouch and Acknowledged themselves Debted unto his Lordship the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary in thirty pounds C^t Money of Maryland of their body Goods or Chattles Land or tenements jointly and severally to be made and Lived to the use of the Inhabitants of Somerset County for the time being if it happen that the a^d Jacob Crouch has left the a^d t^e or Any other of them do not from time to time and at all times hereafter Against discharge and have him left as well the Justices of Somerset County for the time being as also the Inhabitants of said County and from all Chars and Troubles whatsoever for any Reason of the birth maintenance nourishing and bringing up of the said Child and from all other debts troubles and demands whatsoever touching or concerning of the same t^e

His Lordship Somerset Inquit The Justices for the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary that nowise for the Body of Somerset County Jacob Crouch upon their Oath present that Jacob Crouch late of Stepney parish in the said County of Somerset planter the Eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty nine at the parish of the County of within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit Fornication with a certain Elizabeth Barre a Native of the County of within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Commit Fornication with a certain Elizabeth Barre and Acknowledged on the body of the said Elizabeth then and there did beget to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the great damage of all others in such case offending Contrary to the peace of the said Lord Proprietary that now is his good Rule and Government and Against the form of the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided and Left

Thereupon it is Commanded the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should Take the said Jacob Crouch if he should be found in his Dailyniche and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at Prince Anne Town in and for the County of the third Tuesday of March Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and sixtynone to Answer unto his Lordship of and Concerning the Indictment Q. R. - At which Day here came the a^d Jacob Crouch in his proper person and had a hearing of the Indictment Q. R. saith that he cannot deny but that he is guilty of the premises in the Indictment of Above upon her imposed in Manner and form as by the Indictment of Above Against him Supposed and is willing to pay his fine for the same t^e Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court fully understood it is Considered by the a^d Jacob Crouch for the premises and Ofense Q. R. in the Indictment of Above specified he himself and Jacob Crouch is fined for the premises and Ofense of thirty Shillings C^t Money which was paid herein Court to the use of the County t^e

Whereupon the said Jacob Crouch is Ordered to give Security to have and keep Indemnified the Justices of Somerset County Court and their Successors from all Chars burthenes and Charges that might Arise by reason of the birth and maintenance of the Child Q. R. Thereupon John Will and Thomas Crouch the said Jacob Crouch together with Jacob Crouch of Somerset County his Security both present herein Court in their proper persons Acknowledged themselves indebted unto his Lordship the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary in thirty pounds C^t Money of Maryland of their body Goods or Chattles Land or tenements jointly and severally to be made and Lived to the use of the Inhabitants of Somerset County for the time being if it happen that the a^d Jacob Crouch his heirs &c. Ans^t or Any other of them do not from time to time and at all times hereafter Against discharge and Lived as well the Justices of Somerset County Court for the time being as also the Inhabitants of said County and from all Chars and Troubles whatsoever for any Reason of the birth maintenance nourishing and bringing up of the said Child and from all other debts troubles and demands whatsoever touching or concerning of the same t^e